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1. [] the total number of troops in Sinkiang Province was said to be 150,000. 25X1
2. [] three divisions, numbered from 4 to 6, under Commander KUO P'eng¹ moved into southern Sinkiang. The 4 Division was stationed at Kashgar (N 39-29, E 75-58), and the 5 and 6 Divisions moved on to Khotan (N 37-07, E 79-55) and Yarkand (N 38-24, E 77-16). 25X1
3. This army relieved and disarmed the Nationalist troops in the area. Some of the old troops, after necessary ideological training, were assigned to the new army. Most of the officers were also indoctrinated and reassigned.
4. On arrival the army set up a military administration [] they turned over the authority to a civil administration. Since then the army has been engaged in construction work of all kinds: improving existing roads and building new ones, building new cities and providing labor for the construction of industrial installations, and reclaiming land for cultivation. They have also guarded the boundaries. These activities have caused them to be widely spread throughout the country, so that a precise estimate of their strength at the end of 1952 could not be made. 25X1
5. [] Commander KUO P'eng commanded the troops in southern Sinkiang, with headquarters at Kashgar, while General WANG was in command of all troops in Sinkiang. 25X1
6. In addition to the Chinese Communist troops, the 30 Division from Ili arrived in southern Sinkiang [] This division, commanded by General Aminov, was hailed by the Uighurs as national heroes, and was called Kizil Armiz. Its officers and men wore badges of rank of Soviet pattern.² The division badge was a yellow and red cross on a white background. 25X1

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7. [] some of the men and officers of the Ili troops were discharged and sent back to Ili and Urumohi, and to fill in the gap young men from Kashgar, Khotan, Yarkand and Aksu (N 41-15, E 80-14) districts were recruited. The division was incorporated in the Chinese Communist army as the Ili Division, and its men and officers adopted the same uniform and badges of rank as the Chinese Communist troops, though retaining the old divisional badge. General Aminov was appointed deputy commander of the Chinese Communist forces in southern Sinkiang. 25X1
8. [] the Ili Division was converted into a security police force.³ 25X1
9. The troops in southern Sinkiang were equipped with small arms. No tanks or guns were observed. Their morale was high.
10. The construction of an airfield at Zang Karaul, three miles from Kashgar on the Urumohi road, was begun [] under the supervision of Russian ground engineers. The area of the field is about five square miles. No planes used the field [] improvements were made, and there was a little activity there. Further improvements [] made the field suitable for bombers and heavy planes. A Chinese air force detachment took over the field, where Soviet and Chinese air force officers had established a station. In the latter part of 1952 there were three or four planes at the field, which was occasionally visited by bombers from Urumohi. Occasionally Soviet military planes were observed over the city. The Zang Karaul airfield serves civilian as well as military traffic, and in August 1952 two weeks were devoted to giving free rides to the local people to make them air-minded and familiar with this modern invention.⁴ 25X1 25X1 25X1
11. [] air strips were constructed at Khotan and Yarkand.⁵ A newspaper reported the intention to build airfields at all district headquarters. 25X1
12. The posts at Mintaka Karaul (N 37-08, E 75-01) and Lup Guz (N 37-03, E 74-52) were manned [] by Chinese Communist army personnel, while those at Dafdar (N 37-22, E 75-25), Beyik (N 37-11, E 75-15) and P'uli (N 37-47, E 75-14) were manned by security police. No one was allowed to go beyond Mintaka without permission from the authorities at P'uli. 25X1
13. Chinese nationals living in the area between Mintaka and Lup Guz had been evacuated from the area for security reasons.
14. [] there appeared to be about 30 Chinese Communist soldiers at Mintaka Karaul, commanded by a Lin-jang, and about 10 or 15 at Lup Guz, commanded by a So-jang. There was no telephonic connection between the two posts.⁶ 25X1

Comments

1. KUO [] in command of the 2 Army. 25X1
2. [] this unit as the 13 Division, 5 Corps. of the National Army of Ili, and gave Aminov's rank as colonel. [] the 13 Division, 5 Army, at Kashgar [] the 13 Division, 5 Army (former Sinkiang Army) was at Yinch'uan in [] 25X1

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3. [redacted] a public security division was organized in Sinkiang Province [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] this field as Kunkaravool, and [redacted] gave the name as Zung Karul. 25X1
5. Landing grounds about a mile from the city [redacted] for both Yarkand (Jambagh) and Khotan (Yarbagh). 25X1
6. [redacted] at Lup Guz [redacted] 25X1
Dafdar was being evacuated. Beyik was reported to be the headquarters of a large group of the National Army (possibly the Ili Division ?) in early August 1952. [redacted] 25X1

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